

**SPRING TERM
2019
NEWSLETTER 14
Friday, 24th
May**

CHERRY TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our Mission Statement

Bringing out the best in each other as we blossom and grow

Our Values

*Happy, Aspirational, Resilient, Independent,
Open-minded, Compassionate*



SCHOOL NEWS

Year 6 Residential Visits

Our Year 6 children had a very successful residential trip to London on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. This phot was taken outside the Tower of London where they had a guided tour. Well done to the children for their excellent behaviour and to the Y6 staff team for taking them on the trip.



Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs)

A HUGE well done to our Year 2 and Year 6 children who have now completed their SATs. They have all worked incredibly hard, had extremely positive attitudes and have truly been the very best that they can be.

Staffing News

I am very pleased to announce that Mrs Barton is expecting her first baby. She and her husband were thrilled to discover the news and look forward to meeting their 'bundle of joy' in November.

Assembly for our New Intake

Thank you to the Class F team of children and staff for making our new children feel welcome yesterday. Our youngest children performed for the new 2019 class and helped them to gain an insight into what their first year in school might be like.

The next visit for our new children is on Thursday, 20th June when they will spend some time in Class F.

Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to Classes 2, 5 and F who all had attendance of 99% or above last week!

It is well known that children fall behind when they miss school, whether they are absent for excused or unexcused reasons. It is simply not possible to recreate the lessons and the interactions that took place during the missed lesson. As a parent, you are crucial to maintaining good attendance (over 96%) for your child and we really appreciate your support. Also, a reminder that holidays **cannot** be authorised during term time.

Playground Gate

We sent a text to let parents know that we would not be opening to gate until 3:15pm for safety reasons. I know some of you have been unhappy with this new measure so I felt it was worth a further explanation. Mr Morris has PE lessons taking place on the playground/field most afternoons when the weather is dry. We need to safeguard these children by keeping the gate locked as we do during the school day. It is also disruptive when younger siblings see their brother or sister doing PE and go over to speak to them or hug them, interrupting their statutory PE lesson.

In September, we will be introducing a new system regarding the gates for our extra-curricular clubs, more details to follow when the clubs are published.

Class 5 Music Medley

Last night our Year 5 children took part in a concert at St Oswald's Church, Padgate with a number of other Warrington schools. The theme of the concert was one of remembrance and hope and as such was linked to the loss of loved ones during the Warrington bombings, the MEN attack and World War One. The performances given by all of the children was both uplifting and moving. We were very proud of the Year 5 children who performed with passion during the event.

Holiday Homework- Lymm Transport Writing Competition

Rather than setting written homework over the half term, we are inviting the children to enter the Lymm Transport Writing competition. Details have been sent in a separate email.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Cherry Tree Holiday Camp (Sports and Crafts)

There will be a Holiday Camp during the Whit break, again run by our Cherry Tree staff. Spaces are still available so please contact school if you wish to book a place. If you know of any children from other primary schools who would like to attend, we can accept bookings for 4 to 11 year olds who do not attend Cherry Tree. Please pass on the details to your friends.

Health and Well-Being Fortnight- Monday, 10th June until Friday, 21st June

Our annual Health and Well-Being Fortnight will take place at the start of the new half term, Monday, 10th June to Friday, 21st June. As usual, we will be encouraging pupils to walk to school over these two weeks. Members of our School Council will be at the gates to greet children in the mornings. Each child who walks to school will be given a raffle ticket which can be added to a class box. **Extra raffle tickets will be awarded to children who bring water bottles and fruit/veg snacks daily.** At the end of the week there will be a reward for the class with the most tickets. Whilst we appreciate it is not practical for some of you to walk to school, we would appreciate you supporting us in this initiative as far as you can. (We will accept walking from a parked car on Highfield Road or near the co-op as walking to school!)

All classes will be involved in exciting events, over the course of the fortnight, some of which are provided by visiting professionals and are kindly funded by our PTA. Please could you ensure that your child has their full PE kit and a water bottle in school for the fortnight. Here are *some* of the events due to take place within this themed fortnight:

- ✓ Walk to School
- ✓ Orienteering workshop
- ✓ Hoola Nation workshop
- ✓ Street Dance with Becky followed by whole school performance
- ✓ YR 6 Personal Safety Workshop
- ✓ Sports Morning
- ✓ KS2 intra class football competition
- ✓ Stranger Danger/Sun Safety/Yoga lessons
- ✓ Cherry Tree's running club working with classes
- ✓ Dentist workshop YR3 and YR4

We will be holding a **non-uniform day**, where your child can **wear their sporty clothes to school for a donation of £2 which will go towards costs for Hoola Nation. This will take place on Friday, 14th June.**

Children in ALL classes should have a water bottle in school, daily. These should be taken home each night to be washed and refilled. Children in classes F, 1 and 2 are provided with 'free' fruit by the Local Authority each morning playtime. They are encouraged to bring in an additional piece of fruit to have during afternoon playtime, should they wish. Key Stage 2 children are encouraged to bring fruit to school for morning and afternoon break times. Please encourage your children to bring in fresh fruit / vegetables each day.

Praise Assembly

Each class has an opportunity for their parents to attend Praise Assembly. This is an open invitation for the parents/grandparents of children in each class. Feel free to bring pre-school children along. We hope that you will share with us in celebrating success. Please note that we usually have a PE lesson before the assembly, so we will not be able to let you into the hall before 2pm. (i.e. don't arrive too early!)

Class	Date and Time
Class 6	Friday, 24 th May at 2pm Friday, 14 th June at 2pm

Parent Forum- Monday, 17th June at 2:15pm

Ten parents attended our last Parent Forum meeting in the Spring Term. The full minutes can be found on our school website under the Parent Tab.

A warm welcome from the new chair- Gillian Shaw!

It was my pleasure to take over as chair of our Parent Forum at the meeting on 15th March 2019. As a working mum with two children at Cherry Tree Primary, my aim is to ensure that the forum is run by the members and to ensure that you feel able to be involved.

What is a Parent Forum?

The Parent Forum is a meeting where Cherry Tree parents and carers come together in an open discussion about matters or concerns relevant to the interests of the whole school. All parents and carers with a child attending Cherry Tree Primary School are automatically a member of our Parent Forum.

Member involvement is key to the success of the Parent Forum. I am keen that the Forum is run by the members. Previously Mrs Graham, as the Head teacher was the point of contact for questions, moving forward the chair will fulfil this role. Mrs Graham attends the meetings to represent the school and to address and action each subject raised.

When?

The forum will take place once per term. Dates can be found under *School Events (in the Parent section of the website)*. Our next Parent Forum meeting is on Monday, 17th June at 2:15pm. All parents are very welcome to attend. Agenda items need to be submitted by Monday, 10th June.

To maximise each member's ability to attend the meeting, it will take place on different days and times each term.

What if I can't make the meeting?

I'd like to encourage you to be involved. This is an opportunity to raise points, praise, and concerns or seek clarification and understanding about those wee niggles that, from experience, are not just shared by one carer. Previous actions from the Parent Forum have resulted in changes to morning playground arrangements, transition into Class F, homework and healthy snacks to name a few.

How to raise a question for the agenda?

Please email me any topics/questions/points at gillianelizabethshaw@gmail.com. I'm happy to raise questions on your behalf if you are unable to attend the meeting. I appreciate an email may not capture your views and I'm happy to discuss them if that's easily, just drop me an email to get in touch.

Any ideas for developing the Forum are also welcome.

Sports Morning- Tuesday, 18th June at 9:30am (weather dependant)

Sports Morning will take place on Tuesday, 18th June at 9:30am, with the reserve date being Friday, 21st June. Please make a note of the date on your calendars. We are all looking forward to our Sports morning and invite you to come along and watch your child(ren) participate in a range of sporting events to suit all tastes, both competitive and non-competitive events. If you are able to help by serving drinks or assisting with a race please let our office staff know. We are very grateful for all volunteers! Children need to wear PE shorts, trainers and a **t-shirt in the colour of their 'house'**. A reminder will be sent home to inform you which house your child is in and the colour of t-shirt that he/she will need.

Cherry Tree Houses	
Richmond	BLUE
Merton Glory	GREEN
Morello	RED
Sunburst	YELLOW

Class 2 Visit to Knowsley Safari Park- Thursday, 20th June

After all their hard work in the lead up to the SATs, our Year 2 children deserve to have a wonderful time on their forthcoming trip to Knowsley. This day trip is linked to the work they have been doing in Science. Further details to be sent to the Y2 parents.

SPORTING NEWS

Last week we entered four teams into a local Tennis competition. We came second overall and our Y3/4 team qualified for the next round of the event, where our team will compete against schools from across Warrington at Birchwood Tennis centre on Monday, 24th June. If they are successful they will then move onto to compete for the Cheshire title! Fingers crossed!

Our cross country running team took part in a competition at Culcheth Primary School on Wednesday. All of the children showed real strength and resilience when during the event, including Finlay Roberts who came 5th out of 90

children despite losing a trainer within the first few hundred metres! Emma Thornton came second in the girls Y3/Y4 race and overall, as a school, we can a very respectable second! Well done team Cherry Tree!

PTA NEWS

The 90s Summer Party was great fun with around 80 people attending on the night. Thank you to all of our PTA members who organised a fun night and to those of you who supported the event! We raised just over £3100!

Forthcoming PTA Events		
Event	DATE & TIME	Details
NEXT EVENT: Ladies Day- Rugby Club	Friday, 14 th June	Details to follow nearer the time.
Sports Morning	Tuesday, 18 th June	Tea and coffee stall run by PTA.
Junior Fun Night	Wednesday, 26 th June	Year 3 to Year 6.
Non-Uniform Day	Friday, 5 th July	Tombola donations please.
Summer Fair	Saturday, 6 th July	Details to follow nearer the time.
Ice-Pop Friday	Friday, 12 th July	Details to follow nearer the time.

REMINDERS

- Book Amnesty**
 If you have any books at home that belong to school or have the Cheshire Library Service label on them, please return them to school.
- We break up for the Whit Holiday at 3:15pm/3:30pm on Friday, 24th May. The children are off for TWO WEEKS and return to school on Monday, 10th June at 8:50am.**

I would like to thank you all for your willingness to work closely with us in partnership for the benefit of your children. The relationships we have between staff, children, governors and parents is a strength of our school and something that I very much appreciate.

I wish you all a wonderful Whit holiday, let's hope the weather is a glorious as it was last year!

Kind regards,



Helen Graham
Head Teacher

Summer Term 2019	Tuesday 23 rd April 2019	Friday 24 th May 2019
	May Day, Monday 6 th May	
	There will be a two week holiday at Whit in 2019	
	Monday 10 th June 2019	Friday 19 th July 2019

Term Dates 2019-2020

2019-2020	Open for pupils	Close
Autumn Term 2019	Thursday, 5 th September 2019	Friday, 25 th October 2019
	Monday, 4 th November 2019	Friday, 20 th December 2019
Spring Term 2020	Monday, 6 th January 2020	Friday, 14 th February 2020
	Monday, 24 th February 2020	Friday, 3 rd April 2020
	There will be a two week holiday at Easter in 2020. Easter weekend is during the Easter Break: Good Friday, 10 th April and Easter Monday, 13 th April	
Summer Term 2020	Monday, 20 th April 2020	Friday, 22 nd May 2020
	May Day Bank Holiday is 4 th May	
	There will be a two week holiday at Whit in 2020	
	Monday, 8 th June 2020	Thursday, 23 rd July 2020